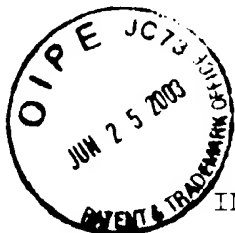


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In re Application of)
FERBY et al.)
Serial No. 09/889,592) Examiner: S. Snedden
Filed: August 2, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1653
For: PROTEIN WITH CELL PROLIFERATION AND CELL DIVISION
MODULATING ACTIVITY AND DNA ENCODING SUCH PROTEIN

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003 for two months from April 30, 2003 to June 30, 2003. Enclosed is a check for \$410.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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